

Appl. No. 10/579982
Response to Office Action of February 10, 2009

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ARGUMENTS TO BE PRESENTED

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As noted by the Examiner in the September 16, 2009 Office Action, Johnson does not disclose that the apparatus comprises a first pressure sensor for measuring the pressure in the auxiliary lumen. The Examiner cites to Williams to cure Johnson's acknowledged deficiency. Williams, however, is drawn to an intro-aortic balloon system with a pressure sensor to measure shuttle gas that causes the balloon to inflate and deflate in anti-phase with the contraction of a patient's heart. Notably, Williams does not teach an apparatus designed to remove fluid or tissue from the body. As such, Williams' disclosed device is drawn to a very different purpose in a very different environment than that recited in Applicant's claims for removing bodily fluids from a body cavity by suction. Therefore, there is no suggestion to look to Williams to supply the deficiencies of Johnson.

Respectfully submitted,

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